

FIRE CHIEFS MEETING

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. on March 18, 2008.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Kim Kroger, Mike Wimmer, Doug Duncan, Randy Whalen, Joel Wassom & Tammy McKeever. Special Guests: Jeff Messerole, Spencer Hospital & Steve Quattlebaum, Alpha Wireless.

Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Randy Whalen to accept the agenda as printed. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Mike Wimmer to approve the December 18, 2007 minutes as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

LEPC training update was given by Doug Duncan. EMS & Fire HazMat refresher will be March 27th at Spencer Fire Station. No cost. There will be a HazMat Class in Rembrandt for new people. Also mentioned was an ethanol training in Storm Lake on April 27th.

Nothing new to report on the county wide disaster drill.

Fireman's banquet was requested to be taken off the agenda.

Discussion on a portable compressor was continued from last meeting. There is no regional FEMA Grant. Royal donated three (3) cascade bottles. A tandem axle enclosed trailer with a bumper hitch is needed.

By general consensus, by laws will stand as printed.

Authorization to call the communication center for training pages was discussed. Three (3) people from each service and pages will be done at 6:00 p.m. the night before training and at noon and 6:00 p.m. the day of training. Tammy McKeever and the Clay County EMA may also call in for training pages. The list of authorized people will be provided to the communication center. Chairperson, Tim Sylvester would like to visit the communication center at the next meeting to showcase geolinks and new power 911 abductors. 911 has funded weather stations for Everly, Dickens and Fostoria. Each station cost approximately \$800.00.

The new Clay County EMA Director is Eric Tigges. He is currently employed with the Sheldon police department. He will begin the end of April. Bryce is still on the payroll so if you have items for him do not hesitate to contact him. EMA will be getting a new vehicle sometime in the Fall. Oringally there was some discussion regarding the EMA director driving a vehicle that could also pull the EMS Trailer. Due to gas prices the plan has changed. The suggestion was made that Iowa Lakes Regional Water should be approached about donating a retiring vehicle. Tim Sylvester will contact the rural water system. A contract needs to be drawn up between CCEMSA and Tim Sylvester and Kim Kroger.

Chairperson, Tim Sylvester introduced Jeff Messerole. Jeff is a clinical instructor with Spencer Municipal Hospital. He was previously employed with Lakes Regional Hospital. Jeff plans to reach out to agencies, assist with educational needs, play an active role on the ems advisory council, sit on the disaster drill design committee and provide education to providers at their locations. Jeff can be reached by cell phone at 712-320-8220. Mr. Messerole wants to keep the lines of communication open. Mike Wimmer indicated Royal was hosting a auto extrication training and requested volunteers from the paramedics.

Radio funding from the 911 board this year is \$3,000.00. \$1,500 will be offered next budget year. Steve Quattlebaum of Alpha Wireless has spoken with just about everyone regarding the DPL frequency. Most of the portables are done. He still has some mobiles for each service. Clay County is narrow band compliant. Dollars must be wrapped up by end of May. Mr. Quattlebaum requested to be added to the Fire Chief email list. His email is steveq@alpha-wireless.com

County Volunteer Recognition will be held April 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. All firemen have been invited.

Peterson tower fire link to help with problems. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Tammy McKeever informed the Fire Chief's that April 13 – 19th is dispatcher week. The Fire Chiefs agreed it would be nice to recognize them during this week. Tammy will come up with a gift to send to each dispatcher.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2008 in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Randy Whalen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

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Chairperson, Tim Sylvester, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

On Roll Call: Tim Sylvester, Kim Kroger, Mike Wimmer, Doug Duncan, Tim Kelsh, Eric Tigges & Tammy McKeever. Special Guests: Jim Wise & Dennis Williams, Sioux Rapids Fire Department

Motion by Doug Duncan, seconded by Mike Wimmer to accept the agenda as printed and approve the March 18, 2008 minutes as written. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

County wide disaster drill will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Sign in and supper will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the drill beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m.

911 Board has approved update the Peterson tower fire link. They are looking for a new location.

Fire chiefs are looking for sites. 911 Board is paying for them.

Eric introduced himself and indicated he would be getting a different vehicle and anyone interested in the top lights could have them. He is looking into tornado sirens for Royal.

The communication center would like to use software that would show primary and secondary. There is still some confusion on who should be paged.

Sioux Rapids Fire was present to express some concern regarding calls in their district. Eric will make sure that Sioux Rapids comes up when the communication center is paged.

Alpha Wireless needs to touch Royal portables. Spencer Hospital will be paged the same time as Fire.

Project Alert was discussed. Volunteers can fill out form which goes to the communication center. The information will be entered into the database. This is an Americorp Project.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in the Board of Supervisors Room.

Motion by Mike Wimmer, seconded by Eric Tigges to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.